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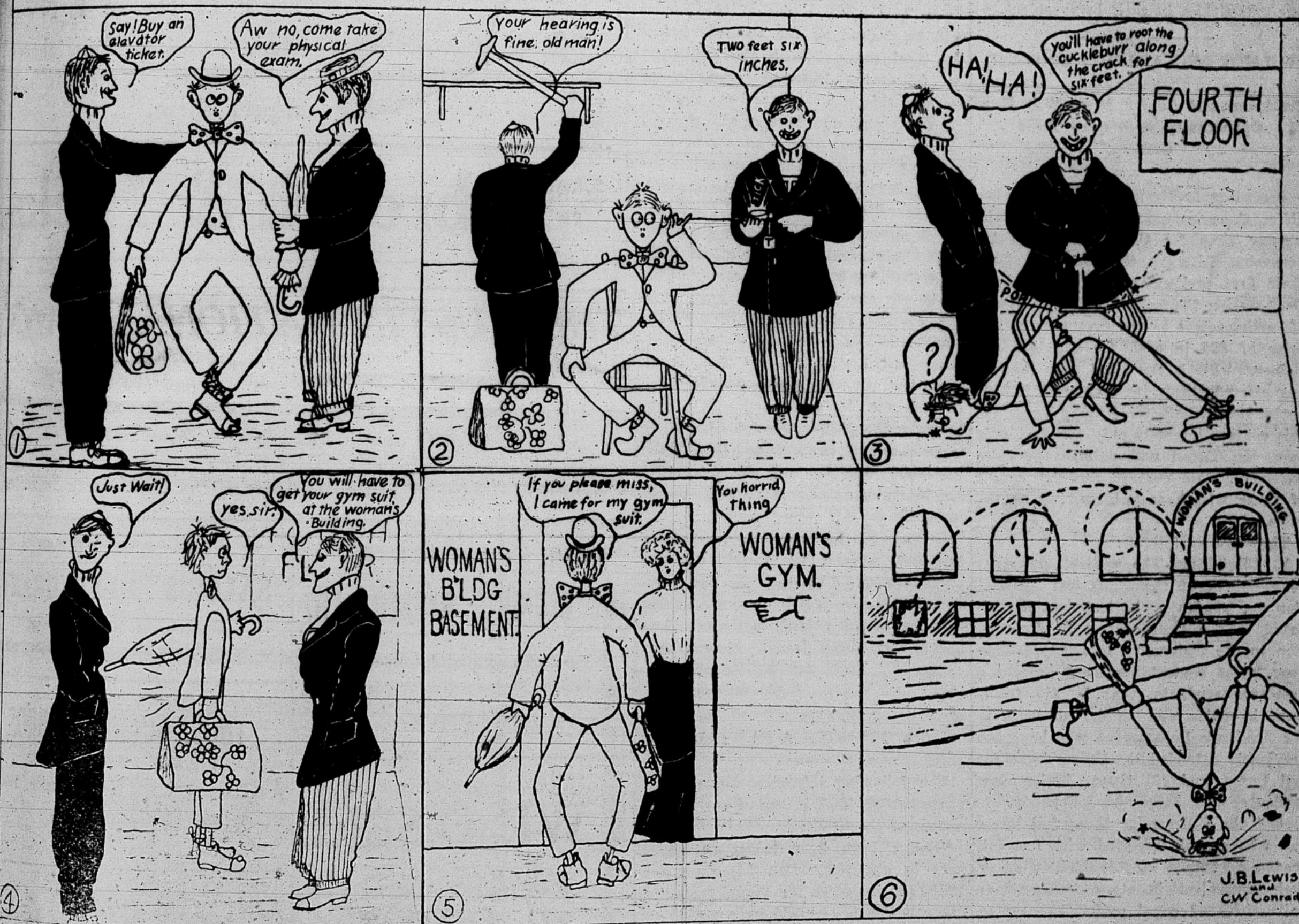
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SOPHOMORES

TRIALS OF A FRESHMAN.



THE GREATEST CLASS IN HISTORY

A Bombastic, Fantasmagorical, Non-Composimental Genius.
A Barbaric, Idiotic and Heathenish Scythian Hoard.

The University has been invaded this year by a foreign alien devouring pest worse than the seven plagues of Egypt with the boll weevil combined. They have come in greater numbers than the rats in the Pied Piper of Hamelin. This Scythian hoard exceeds what has yet

barbaric, idiotic, and heathenish than the University has experienced in the past seventeen years of its glorious history. And from their appearance it would seem as though there had been an exodus from Hades, a marching forth of the sons of Vulcan.

The students received these Ishmael

ites with more hospitality than the Romans received the Vandals, and just like the Vandals the Freshmen have gone to pilfering every thing but good grades. Little deed we know that we were welcoming little Beelzebubites that were going to turn their hands against us.

They have abused their privileges; they have overstepped their bounds. We let them have one issue of the Texan on which their name was spread upon its fair pages like stagnant scum on a pool of water.

If every flea on a mangy dog's back was a Freshman there would be no more fleas than there was the name Freshman scattered all through the issue of the Texan. This conceited blindness of

the Freshmanites was really unbecoming even in all of their boastings. Indeed, they are entitled to boast for there are about eighty "Freshman Alumni" that took a voyage at Christmas time by the kind permission of the Dean. They were shipped like rotten tomatoes; they were canned like canines. The Freshmen have further reasons to boast, for they have not been overlooked by the "warrants" that are issued weekly at the Registrar's office. They are the "especial friends of the Dean. They are not only popular, but they are religious, as a number of them are on "probation."

We have seen many strange things in sideshows, but we have never seen anything that was more measely, gawkish,

unsophisticated, and conceited than that little inglorious, picayunish, toadish Freshman class. They were wonderful with their lilliputian intellects, runted, midget, dwarfed, pygmean, and microscopic minds. They tried to show off their knowledge of psychology and physiology when they said that the Sophomores had two sets of brains. We can hardly say as much about them, unless nothing can be divided into two parts.

It is wholly unnecessary that such ignorant, green, know-nothings should steal the grace and dignity of a Senior, and when they do they look like a rat dressed in a seal-skin.

But notwithstanding all of their demerits we can cheerfully, charitably, and gracefully forgive them for the harmless attack made upon the Sophomore Class as it never hurt and one, and furthermore they were ignorant and knew what they were doing. And feeling that they have injured themselves by their ignorance we extend to them our sympathies in their bereavement.

WILMOT DECLARATION CONTEST.

Freshmen and Junior Laws Will Have Opportunity to Display Their Oratory.

According to the rules regulating the different contests, tomorrow night is the regular time for the Rusk and Athenaeum Literary Societies to hold their first preliminaries in the Wilmot Declaration Contest. Dr. E. P. Wilmot, of Austin, offers to the first year men a prize of \$25 in cash for the best declaimer. This is the third year that he has offered this prize and until further notice it will be offered every year. As this contest interests only the first year men, the Texan will publish the rules regulating this contest for the benefit of those who have not read up on the rules.

They are as follows:

1. Eligibility—The contestants must be members of the Oratorical Association and students who have not participated in the final contest in declamation to the University in any preceding year. The contestants must also be first-year students, that is, (1) freshmen, irregular and special students in the Academic Department who have not previously attended the University three full terms, and (2) those junior law students who have not previously attended the University three full terms and who are not credited with five full academic courses in this University or their equivalent in other colleges or universities of equal rank. In case of dispute as to the application of this rule, the dean of the Academic Department shall be the judge.

2. Preliminary Contests.—At the regular meetings of the Athenaeum and Rusk societies, respectively, on the first Saturday night of March, preliminary contests shall be held, under such regulation as each society may provide. The judges in such contests shall select ten students from each society adjudged, the best speakers from the standpoint of delivery.

3. Final Preliminary Contest.—The twenty students selected as last above provided shall engage in a final preliminary, non-public contest in the University Auditorium on the second Friday of March, at 2:30 p. m. The declamations delivered shall not exceed five (5)

minutes in length. As a result of the final preliminary the judges shall choose ten students for the final contest.

4. The Final Contest.—The final contest shall be held in the University Auditorium on the first Saturday night in April, at 8:15 o'clock. Each contestant shall deliver a declamation not exceeding seven hundred and fifty words, or (6) minutes, in length, chosen in consultation with, and subject to the approval of, the Professor of Public Speaking. In case two or more contestants choose the same declamation, the one first registering his choice shall have the preference. The judges shall base their award solely upon the delivery—the relative clearness, earnestness, force, ease, naturalness and general effectiveness.

NOTICE.

The management of the Cactus wishes to say a word in regard to the method of subscription taking which is employed. It is necessary for the manager to know how many copies of the annual will be desired by the students before the final contract with the publishers can be made. Different methods of learning this number have been employed, some managers have simply guessed at the number, others have sold subscription slips, on the presentation of which alone the book could be secured. Last year Mr. Parrish adopted the method of signing up subscription contracts with the students. This plan, if fully understood by the students, seems to me to be far the best. The subscriber is not required to make any deposit, the trouble to him is reduced to the minimum, and I wish to urge that every one who really wants a Cactus sign for it, and thus, by your co-operation help to make the plan successful. I wish it to be clearly understood, and I make the statement candidly and sincerely, that absolutely no extra copies will be ordered which are not subscribed for.

Because of the urgent request from numerous sources where this has not been thoroughly understood, the subscription bureau will be reopened during Tuesday morning, both in the corridors and in Mrs. Kirby's room. Respectfully,
F. W. HOUSEHOLDER,
Business Manager.

I AM "IT" WITH A CAPITAL "I."

The following interview appeared on December 30, 1906, in one of our leading papers of the State:

"Dallas boys have taken an active part in athletics. Dan Lipscomb and MYSELF played on the second team and other Dallas boys could have gotten on if they had made the effort. Louis Jacoby of Dallas is the captain of the baseball team. Neil Wathen will PROBABLY play second base, and I SHALL TRY TO GET A PLACE ON THE TEAM."

The preceding article represents a common, every day Freshman explosion. We will not mention the Freshman's name from whose uncontrollable tongue this article "has come." But from all appearances it does seem that the Freshmen have come to the point where they no longer respect the limits of human endurance. It is about time for the students to rise up in a body and put down this "blowing" revolt.

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VARSITY ATHLETICS

Class Games and Outlook For Varsity Team

Classes	Played	Won	Lost	Pc.
Seniors	6	4	2	.667
Freshmen	6	4	2	.667
Sophs	6	3	3	.500
Juniors	6	1	5	.167

Never before in the history of baseball in the University, has such intense interest been shown in the class games. In a slow and uninteresting game on Thursday, the Juniors went down in defeat before those brave and mighty Seniors. The game was a farce from beginning to end as can be easily seen by the score which was 14 to 17.

Picked Team Downs the Freshmen. On Friday the Freshmen received their first defeat at the hands of the supposed-to-be 1906 Varsity team, but there were only four men on it that made their T's last year. Dudley Farleton pitched the winners while Harris twirled for the Freshies. An admission of 150 was charged but, notwithstanding this fact, fully two hundred people saw the game. The line-up of the Freshmen remained the same throughout the game and was as follows: Brownless, catcher; Harris, pitcher; M. Ramsdell, first base; "the light-haired, the athlete, the boy-wonder" Dowell, second base; Nixon, third base; Witherspoon, short stop; Bridges, left field; Salughter, center field; Sanderson, right field.

Varsity: Browne, catcher; Tarleton, pitcher; McMahon, first base; Wathen, second base; Jacoby, third base; Morris, short stop; Graham, left field; Schenker, Sears, right field; Walker, center field.

JUNIOR-FRESHMAN GAME.

In an exciting game on Saturday, the Freshmen were defeated by the tail-enders by a score of 8 to 6. It took ten innings to decide the winners, however, and the winning hit was made by

Bob Ramsdell, the gib slabsman for the Upper-Classmen. G. Graham and Coach Schenker, who is in middle law, also starred on the Junior team, while Witherspoon scored his daily home-run.

Coach Schenker was criticised by soem for giving Dowell "the stiff arm" when running down to second, but the fault was all the Freshman's. While trying to play to the grandstand he blocked the base and hence the collision. After doing three or four stunts on the ground, but finding he could gain no sympathy from the spectators, resumed serious results.

The batteries for the two teams were as follows: Freshmen, brownlee and wilson; Juniors, R. Ramsdell and Browne. Umpire, Louis Jacoby.

SOPH-SENIORS CROSS BATS.

The Sophomore and Senior teams crossed bats Mounday much to the sorrow of the Class of '09. By the score, the free silver question and saying was suggested to many as it stood 16 to 1 at the ned o fthe innth inning. The Sophs played i nhard luck throughout the entire game, as the Seniors got and bunched their hits when they were mots neded. The third was surely the lucky inning for the Sages, as nine men crossed the home plate. The only run scored for the Sophs was made by Robertson on a two-base hit of Mc Cormicks.

Standing of Class teams on Wednesday:

FRESHMEN AND SENIORS TIE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

In a fast and furious game the Seniors defeated the Freshmen on Tuesday by one run, the score being 3 to 2.

This game was without a doubt the

best of the season and the result was that it tied the Seniors and Freshmen for the class championship. Freshman groesbeck pitched excellent ball for his class and deserves especial mention. witherspoon, the heavy-hitting Freshman short stop, got his daily home-run, making the fifth in the lats five games. Homer Rowe did good work in the box for the upper-classmen, the former pitching six innings in the game yesterday.

Since the game today it was decided to call off the Soph-Junior game which was scheduled to be played on Wednesday and start the saw-off series between the Seniors and Freshmen. In all probability the Freshies will take in their flag of supposed victory, and in the Senior edition of the Texan will appear in large type.

SENIORS BASEBALL CHAMPIONS 1907

LINE UP, ETC.

At least, that is the hope of the majority of the Sophomore class.

The saw-off series were played too late to be written up in this issue, so we may look for the annoucement of the Seniors' success in the Junior number.

VARSITY'S OUTLOOK.

The Athletes and other representatives of the Class of 1909, need no newspaper or other advertising of what they have done in the different athletic sports, as their aid on the various teams has been perfectly apparent. Nevertheless, in looking into the future of Varsity's baseball team we see that '09 will be as well represented on it as it has been on the others.

Behind theb at will either be stationed ex-Captian Bill Francis or Freshman browne. For pitchers we have Graham, '08 and Sears, '09, of last years team, wilson, '10, Stimpson, '09, Hogg, '09, Harris, '10, and several others. All of these men are "slab artists," and with this force Texas can go up against anything in the South. McMahon, '07, the heavy-hitting hero of last year, will probably hold down first, although Robertson, '09 will give him a hard fight to retain this position. Mc. is as good behind the bat as on first and it may be that he will trade places with Francis. Neil Wathen, the captain of the Sophomore team, in ex-Coach Ralph Hutchinson's estimation, "is the best ball player that has eevr been on Clark Filed," and with this man on second, that bag will be in good snape. The only other man trying for this position is "dowell, the light-haired, the athlete, the boy-wonder."

Captain Louis Jacoby has third base "cinched," but in case that his eyes fail (Continued on page 9.)

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GREETING.

The burdensome but pleasant task falls upon the Sophomores and Junior Laws to edit the Texan this week. In assuming this responsible undertaking we can not refrain from saying that we feel a peculiar delicacy in appearing under the title of the Texan after this most precious Students' organ has been so mutilated by the Freshmen. We hope, however, that our humble readers will not be so unfair as to heap upon us the many blunders for which those great Kyle defenders were responsible. This is our first and only edition. We have had, it is true, two weeks in which to prepare our material; but since the Texan is supposed to publish news, which the sane students of the University can read, and in which they are interested, we have a double duty devolving upon us this week, for we are really held responsible for two weeks news.

Thus the "Texan" appears one day earlier this week. The Skinner Oratorical contest comes off tonight, and as the Freshmen failed to make one single mention of it, we felt it our duty to come out in time to announce the contest in an appropriate manner. The preparations that are being made for the second of March celebration was entirely ignored; but we attribute this oversight to their ignorance. Again they failed to say a word about the important Educational gathering of last week. We realize, however, that it is quite out of their line to speak of Education. They also failed to take advantage of the opportunity to say something good about the proposed Y. M. C. A. Building, to which we have devoted several columns this week. So poisoned and deadened were these Freshmen by their own infatuation that they neglected such articles and satisfied themselves by filling the valuable

uninteresting articles on themselves. We consider our opportunity too sacred to advance our own personal interest above those of the student body. We have tried to fill our requirements, and hope that the students of the University will be mild in their criticism.

SECOND OF MARCH.

Just three-quarters of a century ago today, in the little town of old Washington, on the banks of the Brazos River, was signed the Declaration of Independence of this State. No incident of greater significance ever occurred. When we contemplate how the pioneer came to this country under terms and conditions imposed by a foreign State to whose language, laws and institutions, they were total strangers, we can not but pause and contemplate with admiration the fonderful results of that memorable convention at San Felipe de Austin.

The people of Texas, separated by a vast wilderness from the people of the United States, and unaided by sympathizing friends therein, threw off the yoke of Mexican bondage, declared their independence, established it with the sword and for nine years maintained a stable Republic. As a Republic she established laws which have been taken as models by other and older States of the Union.

Texas was the first among the English-speaking people to abolish courts of law, and courts of equity—She was the first to establish the true equality of woman with man, by recognizing her separate right of property. Not only did she abolish imprisonment for debt, but she went further, and originated the homestead law for the protection of the family. Likewise she laid deep and well the foundation for the free education of her youth.

All this may be traced as the direct result of the action on March 2, 1836.

VARSITY CIRCUS.

As the spring term is now approaching, the time is drawing near when the advisability of having another Varsity Circus should be taken under consideration by the student body. Last year when the Athletic Association was in such a deplorable financial condition, the idea of having a Varsity Circus was proposed, and everybody considered such an affair as a great farce and hooted at the idea. But a few enthusiastic students assumed the great undertaking, and under the able management of Maurice Wolf, the Circus proved to be one of the greatest financial successes in the history of the University. Not only was the debt of the Athletic association of \$300 paid, but almost every organization in the University received a good share of the receipts which amounted to over \$600.

We are in the same predicament this year. The Athletic Council will not allow the managers of either baseball or football to close and contract with other Universities until the necessary amount of money has been raised to assure the games. The band also is in need of financial assistance, and the student body has not come to realize what the band really means to the University. Then we have the other University organization which are of equal importance, and can use only too well some

isting condition of affairs, there is no reason why we can't follow the plan of last year and have another Varsity Circus. There are many students who would willingly lend every assistance, for they realize the benefits which may be derived for our many student organizations. The student body will back this project. They did it last year and they will do it this year. So let us keep the ball rolling and have this Varsity Circus. Students, take this matter under consideration.

The Freshmen are as swelled as a poisoned dog, as vain as a peacock, as proud as Lucifer, as wise as a donkey, as ignorant as a bat, and as stupid as a mule.

The Freshmen believe that "lyday has a better record for a half mile than any man that ever entered the University." If they mean a half mile of "wind-jamming," we will agree with them.

The Freshmen have so subverted their name that it stands for jackalism, conceit, and general worthlessness; while the Sophomore Class has so converted its name that its antds for wisdom and authority.

Mr. ross whisenant, the "would-be lady's man," is requested to explain whether or not he meant to be funny in his local about "the man with the woman's voice." We can't see his joke. Perhaps the explanation may be found in the fact that unfortunately we can't look at it from the viewpoint of a Freshman.

The Juniors will have control of the Texan next week, and with John Densmore as Editor-in-Chief, the sane students of the University as well as the Freshmen will not be disappointed in expecting an interesting edition. Mr. Densmore has ably filled his position as Athletic Editor of the "Texan" this year, and we are sure that he will prove equal to the occasion.

In speaking of an article written in the second number of this year's Texan, entitled "It would really amuse any Freshman or sane student attending this University to read the article which that 'knight of the pen,' no doubt endeavored hard to frame." We are glad to learn that the Freshman's organ learned in so short a time to discriminate between a Freshman and a sane student.

In the selection of Francis Bowie Duncan, '09 of Egypt for captain of the football team of 1907, the team certainly used its best judgment, and has not only honored his class, but the entire University. Under the guidance of this clear-headed young athlete the "long-horns" will uphold their past reputation, and will register many victories for Texas.

The Texan would be a better honor on no one who is better not to blame.

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We are glad that our most gracious Freshman Editor-in-Chief "refrained from funning large and ridiculous cartoons to fill up space." He should be complimented upon his good judgment. Had we such an over-abundance of "hot air" to display as the Freshman had, we would have done likewise. No, we would have gone further and excluded the general items of interest, as our predecessors did. However, we can't blame these poor, down-trodden creatures for anything for which they are

OF INTEREST TO THE STUDENT BODY.

The Texan is in receipt of a letter from Registrar Williams, which is given in full below for the benefit of the student body:

To the Texan.

I have received the following report from the B. Hall committee. The property mentioned therein is now at my office and I would be glad to have any assistance from the student body in locating the whereabouts of its owner. The hall committee's report is as follows:

After the hasty, annual, fall departure of those Freshmen who were threatened with mental collapse from strenuous overwork, Aunt Adrian discovered the following effects in one of the vacated rooms of the hall: A scarlet hat band bearing the fierce white numerals, 710, evidently indicating the size of the precocious head of the wearer; an unpaid bill for strawberry soda and stick candy due one Adolph Schutze; two much worn pamphlets, one entitled "Diamond Dick to the Rescue," or "What Made Sister's Nose Bleed," the other, "How to Woo and Win without Beauty and Money," or "First Steps in Society;" two new and little used text books from English I; a yellow Windsor tie; a broken pocket knife and two marbles; a sentimental letter postmarked Dumpville and signed, Your loving sweetheart, little Sally Green; a clean program from the Freshman reception, with only the first and last dance taken; a bottle of Castoria, and three safety pins.

There was one other article found between the mattresses of the bed. This article was a composition book, across the front of which was carefully printed with awkward hand the title, "A Student's Diary." On the first page of this book was arranged the sub-heading for the Freshman year, "The first year of Simon at the Texas University."

The diary ran as follows:

Sep. 26, '96.—I reached Austin this morning. It shore is a large town. There was cars what run by Elecktricity. When I saw these cars I remembered how my Second Reader said Benjamin Franklin pounded eelcktricity. I was met at the depo by a tall, skinny man who shook hands with me and gave me his card. On the card was writ, "John Keen." He told me to come with him and he would show me the weigh to the University, but I remembered what Pa told me, and thinking of the bord money in my telescope, I said, "Naw;" for he might a bin a bunco man.

Well, after this man left, I stoped a car, but it was the wrong one. Finally I got on a car and saked the conductor if it went to the University of the State of Texas. He smiled and said yes, it went to the University of the State of Texas and to the Insane Asylum. I told him there was where I was going. I mean the University and not the Insanity Asylum. The car run heap faster than the Dumpville stage and soon we reached a great big building which I thought was the capitol from the pictures I had seen, but I thought it best to ask the conductor if it was the University of the State of Texas, because I didn't want to go to the Insanity Asylum or have to pay another nickle. The conductor luffed agin and said, "No Freshman." I wonder how he guessed I was a Freshman. Reckon he hadn't

ever seen me before. At last we got to where we reeched a big pasture all full of bildings, and the conductor said it was the University of Texas. The pasture was most as big as John Williams' wood lot, and the buildings was grand. I got off the car and liked to fell because I jumped the wrong weigh. The first man I saw was a feller the boys calls Lump. I asked this man where Mr. Brackenridge's house was. I told him I had herd that bord could be got there on reasonable terms, and that I had a cousin, K. C. Miller, there, who had been there twenty years most. Mr. Lump pointed me to a big yallow brick house on the north side of the cement walk. I went up to the dore, and asked the young lady what came to answer the knock to let me go to room 25 where my cousin K. C. stayed at. She looked queer and began to smile. I thought something was wrong, so I asked, "Ain't this here Mr. Brackenridge's house for borders?" Well she just screamed and yelled out, "Oh, girls, come here. A Freshman wants to know if the Woman's Bilding ain't B. Hall." Well I grabbed my telescope and run. I don't see why Mr. Lump told me he knew where Mr. Brackenridge's house was when he didn't.

Sep. 27, '06.—I've got a nice room in Mr. Brackenridge's Hall. I got a beating when I first got here, which I didn't like much, but when I got mad they locked me up on the fourth floor, so I shet up. I was at the gymnaazium yesterday and a big fellow there treated me very polite. He showed me how to turn on and off the baths and sold me a hot water ticket at half price. I git to take 24 washes for 25 cents. I didn't want to be extravagant but I do hate to take baths especially in cold water and as all my class bought hot water tickets I got one two. I met the Deen and the President in halls this morning. They shore were young men and looked most like students. The Deen told me to bring my diploma to the register and matriculate tomorrow. I paid the president a quarter for spending his time talking to me so nice. This is the custom here. I mean to pay a quarter not for the President to talk nice. He told me I looked bright and that he was glad to have a student from Dumpville, and hoped I would be as successful in graduating as my cousin K. C.

Sep. 28, '06.—I took my diploma up and matriculated. When I showed it and my scholarship the crowd of boys in the hall all luffed, but that was just sour grapes because they didn't have none. It show is expensive here. I would a had to pay a dollar to git to use the light in my room if K. C. hadn't a knowed Mr. Pool, the fat man what runs the hall. He told K. C. thet beings I was his cousin I could have it for a quarter.

Oct. 10, '06.—I have been here two weeks and am getting to be a college man rite. I must a shure been green when I first got here. K. C. won't give my quarter back. I have quit wearing my yallow tie which Aunt Nancy gave me last Christmas and have bought a second-hand one from a feller named Fred Stevens. It is brite red and stunning. Crackey! My class has an election tomorrow. Hope som body wants me to be the President.

Oct. 11, '06.—Every body talking about to of my classmates named Waters and Kyle as our President. I don't know

neither, but I am going to vote for Kyle because that nice man what sold me a bath ticket gave me a dime to do it. I don't think Waters is no count no how.

Oct. 12, '06.—We had the election. The room shore was crowded. I didn't know I had so many fine looking classmates, and such good talkers. I voted for Kyle, and he was elected, but I shore am sorry for he's a nigger. I don't like no half nigger and white school. It's bad enough to have to feel uncomfortable with girls in school and sitting across the isle, let alone niggers. My class is going to run dowell for President of the Final Ball.

Oct. 15, '06.—I just found out that feller is a Sophomore. That Kyle don't go to school and that we are going to have another election because he don't. I mean because he is a nigger and we ain't.

Oct. 17, '06.—We had the election. A boy named Henderson was elected. I voted for him because his pa is a regent which is a kind of governor what rules the Deen, the teachers and the President. I am going to make friends with him because my teacher said my spelling was pore, my English rotten and I shude be sent home. Now he'll tell his

pa, and his Pa will tell the President to let me stay.

Oct. 18, '06.—The girl across the aisle in English I shure is pretty. I don't know but what I could like her as much as I do Sally Green.

Oct. 20, '06.—I was told to buy a "Gim" suit and they said the girls at the Woman's Bilding would make it cheep. A Junior law told me to go there and ask for a Miss Somebody who would tell me what girl to get to make my "gim" suit. I went and now I wish I hadn't. They luffed. The girl across the isle luffed two. I don't like her.

Oct. 21, '06.—She wasn't at class today. I hope she ain't sick.

Oct. 22, '06.—She dropped her pencil today and I picked it up and she smiled.

Oct. 23, '06.—The Junior Laws caught our president today and she was lookin and I wanted to go and take the President back. They whipped me two and took my shoes off and she luffed agin. I hate her.

Oct. 25, '06.—I bought a new pair of big pants, a brite red class hat, and a box of shoe blacking. I can't study somehow for thinking about her.

Oct. 27, '06.—Golly, but I feel queer. She asked me the lesson, and after class and after class and during the study

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period or recess, we went a walking. I took her to the soda water fountain. She must be rich for she had on a diamond ring and drank soda like as if she was used to having all she wanted. It cost me 35 cents. Crackey! but girls are expensive.

Nov. 22, 06.—W had our dance and I took her. I mean our class had their dance and I went with Dolly. She let me sit outoo dances with her.

Nov. 25, 06.—I sure am scared. Me and a classmate named dowell stole some oranges from a drug store and the man's told the policeman. dowell went and begged the drug store's pardon and they made him pay a quarter and let him go. I ain't got no quarter and what will Ma do. I know she will die when she hears that I stole and am in prison.

Nov. 30, 06.—I shure do seem to catch to on every side. The dean wrote me a letter. He said my spelling was pore and my English is not correct. He said I was porely prepared. What would old lady White do if she heard him say she warn't no count as a teacher. I wanted to Edit the Freshman Texan, but guess they will git some one nearly as good.

Dec. 6, 06.—I am fired and have got to go home, for the dean wrote Pa and said I was negligent and could use my time better else where. Any how the policemen won't git me if I go to the farm. I wonder if fishing's good in dry creek. K. C. ain't never paid me back my quarter for lite. I wonder what Sally Green will think of me dressed as a student. K. C. is a blooming (The page was torn off here.)

THE CACTUS.

Persistent reports have been circulated by the chronic knockers, to the effect that the Cactus this year was going to fall below the high criterion set by last year's book. One man who actually suggested such a possibility to the editor, Mr. Haynie, noticed a peculiar smile on that functionaries face, which made this particular knocker feel quite foolish. That smile has been caught up by the other members of the board, and has gradually grown into the most satisfied sort of a chuckle. IT CERTAINLY MUST BE ON THE KNOCKERS FROM THE WAY THE BOARD SMILE WHEN THE SUBJECT OF CACTUS IS MENTIONED. Every member on that board must be holding four aces and a joker from the way they smile.

It is probably true that never in the history of the University did the Cactus board have such a right to indulge in a satisfied smile of this particular variety. Following a board which had been eminently successful, and which had produced a Cactus, in many respects superior to all other issues of the annual, the members of the 1906-1907 board early realized that it was "up to them" if they did not wish to allow the annual to go down hill instead of improving. New methods were introduced at the outset, the policy of offering five prizes for new features, art, and literary productions was originated, the Cactus procured a separate office, and the whole board settled into the harness with the determination to produce an annual which would be a landmark in artistic bookmaking, and which would become a tradition in University talk like the "1900 team."

And now when the task is finished at last and the work in the publisher's hands every member of the board looks forward to the realization of their most sanguine dreams. In an article which appeared in the Sunday's Statesman, the following was stated of the different departments:

"The originality of the book will be the attraction which will appeal to subscribers first. Two absolutely new features have been added which will raise the Cactus to the highest plane of artistic book making. Two other features have been so modified as to make them practically new. The editor feels that with these changes the first real departure from the conventional Cactus will be made.

"Not the originality, however, but the intrinsic beauty of the Cactus will be its final claim to an enthusiastic reception. Miss Lillian Walker, the art editor, states that the art department has been entirely remodeled, that this year the criterion has been beauty instead of conventionality. The book will be a complete harmony. Every picture has been drawn and will be printed with the ideal of the completed book constantly in mind. Every practicable size of book has been considered, and the proportion carefully worked out. Athletics has been made a department, and placed in the hands of two capable editors, Miss Mai Borden and Mr. Graves. The result has abundantly justified the experiment. The athletic departments of the very best universities of the country have been carefully studied, and Texas athletics been given a representation commensurate with its importance in university affairs. Mr. Kinsolving, the literary editor, promises that, for once in the history of the annual, the literary department will be read. It will be read and reread, and though it is not expected that any permanent literary genius gems will be found there, still, for real enjoyable reading, Don Quixote will be completely eclipsed. The manager, Mr. Householder, simply promises the best engraving, the best printing, the best materials, and the best binding that are anywhere to be had."

Whoever wrote the above article must have been wholly without humor, or else he had no inside information whatever as to what was actually going into the Cactus, for he calmly and (we might hint also "commonplacely") neglected to mention the grinds. Of all the blazing, burning, hot shot that ever scorched and sizzled the page of any annual; of all the hilarious humor that was ever encased in Cactus covers, the forthcoming volume promises to be the hottest, the scorchingest, the sizzleingest, the most lunatically laughable that Texas or any other old university has ever placed before a foolish and flippant following of freshmen or flunks.

Take notes with a Parker "Lucky Curve." For sale at Co-Op.

HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final game of handball between Fred Ramsdell, this year's winner, and Sutton, the champion of last year, was played in the gymnasium Friday afternoon, the 15th, at 4:30. Ramsdell defeated Sutton and is now champion for this year.

FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATION IN TEXAS.

No recent occurrence in Texas so significantly places her among the progressive states of the union as the conference which convened within our walls on Friday and Saturday of last week. It was significant because of the interest shown and because of the able discussions participated in by those present in this the first attempt at a general conference for education in our state.

For two days several hundred people, including laymen from all the walks of life, as well as professional school men, came together to discuss problems of education, which were recognized to be of vital concern to every true citizen of Texas.

Space forbids any attempt to give more than a general survey of the work of the meeting. The conference was called to order Friday morning by Hon. Clarence Ousley, who was elected temporary chairman. In the absence of the governor, who could not be present on account of illness, Hon. Travis Dashiell, secretary of state, delivered the address of welcome in which he demonstrated that he was thoroughly versed in matters of education in our state. The response by Hon. Theodore Harris of San Antonio, who by the way is a son of Dr. W. T. Harris, so long United States commissioner of education, and who is himself thoroughly awake on educational questions, was full of vigor and thought, and contained splendid cautions with reference to the so-called "fads and frills" which are absorbing so much of the attention of the modern education.

In the absence of President Houston, on account of illness, his paper was read by Dr. W. J. Battle. "The Need of Conferences for Education in Texas" was the title of the paper, and it fittingly brought before the conference the great work which that organization has ahead of it.

In the afternoon session two able papers bearing on live topics were read and discussed. "The Meaning of Manual Training," by Superintendent Horn of Houston, and "The Teaching of Agriculture in the Public Schools," by President Harrington of A. & M. The first of these, namely, manual training, has long since won its place in the schools wherever equipment can be had. The teaching of agriculture is no less recognized to be worthy a place in our schools, and a measure is now pending before our legislature which, if passed, will speedily introduce it.

The Friday evening session was convened in the hall of the house of representatives, when Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler and Mrs. P. V. Pennybacker of Austin delivered addresses on "Education as a Matter of State Pride," and "The Duties of the Citizen in the Promotion of Educational Progress," respectively. The one dealt with the duties of our citizenship as a whole with reference to education; the other dealt with the duties of the individual citizen.

Saturday's sessions, which were full of good things, began with a paper by Superintendent Cousins of the state department of education on "The Gap Between Elementary and Higher Education in Texas." He said that we had made provision for the first steps in education and for the finishing touch, but had

left off provision for the middle. His was a plea to make provision for high schools in the rural districts. A discussion followed after which Mr. Walter H. Page of New York, editor of the World's Work, was introduced and spoke encouragingly, commending the greatness of the movement as evidenced by the fact that editors, statesmen, lawyers and others were in attendance.

The three other able papers of the day were "Education and Politics," by Hon. Clarence Ousley of the Fort Worth Record; "Casualty Supervision of Public Schools," by President O. H. Cooper of Simmons College, Abilene, and "The Financial Support of Public Education," by Senator Green. Following each paper was a warm discussion participated in freely by all present.

Especially significant was the address by Mr. Ousley. After showing clearly the evil of politics, of the basest sort, in education, he showed that the people of Texas were ready and willing to do whatever they became convinced was for the public welfare. The teacher, he said, was largely responsible for moulding public sentiment on matters of education. "I affirm positively," said he, "that the people of Texas are ready for a great forward movement in education. Texas is ready for it, for all the other great problems have been largely solved. If I had a political ambition, I would make education my platform. If I had my way, and I represent thousands of others in Texas, I would make education the chief concern of the state for the next ten years, and I would expend more money on it than on anything else."

The conference was permanently organized with the following officers: President, Hon. Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth; vice-president, Dr. H. H. Harrington, president of Agricultural and Mechanical College; recording secretary, Superintendent A. N. McCallum of Austin; treasurer, Dr. E. P. Wilmot of Austin.

An executive committee, appointed by President Ousley, consisted of: President Houston of University of Texas; State Superintendent R. B. Cousins; Superintendent J. S. Long of Dallas; President H. C. Pritchett of Sam Houston Normal; President Oscar H. Cooper of Simmons College, Abilene; Hon. Theodore Harris, San Antonio.

Under the leadership of the men who have been placed in charge of this movement, and with a permanent organization to take hold of large school problems systematically, and with its annual meetings for crystalizing thought and disseminating the spirit of real education, what may we not expect for the future of Texas? Is there anything too big for Texas?

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Judging by the high-class of work done and the result accomplished, the Law School of the University of Texas merits high rank. Already we have gotten away from pioneer conditions, and a full systematic and thorough course of three years must be completed before candidates receive their degrees. Last year we were admitted to the Association of American Law Schools, thus showing that the leading law schools of the nation recognize the high-class of work done here.

The Harvard Medical School Boston, Mass.

With the completion of the new buildings, which were dedicated September 25th, 1906, this school now has facilities and equipment for teaching and research in the various branches of medicine probably unsurpassed in this country. Of the five buildings, four are devoted entirely to laboratory teaching and research. The numerous hospitals of Boston afford abundant opportunities for clinical instruction in medicine and surgery.

COURSE FOR THE DEGREE OF M. D.

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HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, Boston, Mass.

The Law Department has been peculiarly fortunate in the matter of instructors. Beginning with Judge Gould and Governor Roberts, a succession of able, learned and at the same time, practicable men, has directed its affairs. Today we have Judge C. M. Miller, Dean of the Department, out of the University of Virginia, and Edinborough, elegant, polished, courteous and thoroughly practicable; Judge J. C. Town, whose erudition is the marvel of the Department, and whose kindly interest in all the affairs of the boys, endears him to every one; Col. W. S. Simpkins, distinctively a "character," shrewd, pointed and direct in his observations, and so humorous that the fellows are assured of more than one good laugh during every lecture; Judge D. B. Tarlton, whose exalted humor, splendid eloquence and shrewd common sense are at once the envy and the despair of the student orators; Dr. Peterson, whose learning is of inestimable value to the students, and whose ability as a worker is surpassed only by his success in securing work out of others. The professors are practical men and at the same time specialists in their respective subjects.

Though one of the newest schools in America, the enrollment is the highest in the south or west, and is surpassed at the north only by Michigan, Chicago, Harvard and Columbia. This year the enrollment will total 270. However, the new requirement of an additional year in the academic schools will for a time cut down the junior enrollment.

Work on the new law building is being pushed rapidly. The foundations have been laid, and it is expected to begin work in it next September. This will be the largest and most elegant of the auxiliary buildings. It will contain three lecture rooms, with a seating capacity of several hundred each, also an assembly hall, a library, numerous offices and halls for the literary societies. The new gymnasium will be located in the basement. Every modern convenience will be supplied, and every incident of elegance and finish.

The law department has four societies organized with special reference to practice work, indispensable as supplements of Judge Town's practice court. The membership is enthusiastic and the attendance large.

The work done is of a high order. Complimentary to the merits of the school, the enrollment numbers students from a dozen states, representing every section of the nation. With the added facilities of the new building, the new high standard of scholarship and the recognition of our merits by the leading institutions of the land, it does not seem presumptuous to predict that the law school of Texas will soon take rank with the three or four greatest of the nation.

SENIOR MEETING.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Room 44. Much Class Spirit Manifested over Election.

The Senior Academic class was called together last Tuesday afternoon by President Murray Jones. A large and enthusiastic gathering greeted the president as he took the chair. After announcing the purpose of the meeting, he declared nominations open for class marshal. In a very short but eloquent speech Mr. Norman Taylor placed the name of Mr. Roy Rather before the house. Mr. Taylor was applauded several times during his speech and it was soon apparent that Mr. Rather had the job "grabbed." The name of Mr. Fulsom was also placed in nomination. However, Mr. Rather received twice as many votes as his opponent, having received two votes to Mr. Fulsom's one.

President Jones then announced that nominations for editor-in-chief of the class edition of the Texan were in order. Calling Mr. Pietzsch to the chair, Mr. Jones nominated Mr. Burgher. Mr. Rather then placed in nomination Mr. Sam Kyle. A thunder of applause followed when Mr. Rather concluded his speech, which showed clearly that the anti-Rather faction was losing force. The result of the vote was Kyle 4 and Burgher 1. President Jones declared Mr. Burgher elected. The meeting then adjourned to Schutze's.

On being called to order again at that great summer resort, Mr. Burgher announced that strawberries and cream would be served in appreciation of the honor that his classmates had conferred upon him.

After the banquet had been concluded, President Jones announced that the house was ready to consider any business that had to come up. Mr. Rather immediately took the floor. He raised an objection to Mr. Burgher's election because he did not think that the gentleman was legally elected. First, he said that Kyle had received the popular vote, which entitled him to the office. Then, also, neither the Senior Laws nor the Senior Engineers had been notified of the election. Consequently Mr. Burgher's election was illegal. President Jones sustained Mr. Rather's objection, and Mr. Burgher was declared out of office. This was a victory of Ratherism and honesty over Burgherism and reform.

The following answered to the role call: Roy Lamar Rather, Murray Brashers Jones, Ballard Young Burgher, Norman B. Taylor, and Louis Robert Pietzsch.

Chicago, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota have organized a "Big Four." Purdue claims that this does not affect the Big Nine.

RADIATOR.

THOSE VAIN, VAUNTING VASSALS.

He's a harmless little dearie,
Though he often makes you weary
When he boasts about the triumphs
Of his class;
Says, "We've never been defeated,"
But it's plain he's just conceited
And only lacks the ears to be an ass.
If the truth was known about him,
He's so green the rain would sprout him,
And I know the cows chew hayseed in
his hair;
But with proper care and training
And some "SOPHOMORIC" framing
In a crowd we hope to pass him any-
where.

For he's nothing but a baby, don't you
knod,
And you mustn't tease or vex him—let
him blow—
Let him have his boastful howlings
And his much conceited growlings,
For he's just a simple baby, don't you
know.

There's a really freakish feature
In this semi-human creature
That marks him for a "reuben" once
for all;
It's that awkward, cow-like walking,
Conscious air, and farm-yard stalking,
And a vocal cord that vibrates like
a squall.
Then the "chesty" cad so stealthy,
with a father really wealthy,
Reminds one "all is mine beneath the
sun,"
He courts the upper-classmen,
And he sometimes thinks to pass them—
Strictly speaking he's a '10 without
the 1!

He's a "NESTOR" pure and simple,
really now,
And his place in life is back behind the
plow;
With his store of rural knowledge
He could start a rustic college
And teach "to feed the pigs, or milk the
cow."

Did you read their Texan number;
It was bumest of the "bummer,"
Not a single thing of interest in the
sheet;

The printers tried to shake it,
Then the mails refused to take it,
And the tortured readers threw it in
the street.
They aimed at wit and humor,
Dressed up jokes in skirt and bloomer—
Gags long since well worthy of the
grave;
For they thought to create laughter,
But we laughed to scorn "the grafter,"
And no one smiled except the fool or
knave.

What they need's as kindergarden, don't
you know,
With their little minds (?) in training
while they grow;
You have heard the ancient fable—
How they "raised them from the
cradle"—
So we'll strive to do them justice, don't
you know.

—I. L. K.

GERMAN DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE

Last Thursday night before a fair-sized, but unresponsive, audience the

sity presented the German comedy "Dr. Wespe." To speak frankly of the play, it did not come up to the high level as established by Miss Rabe and her associates in former performances. The nature of the play itself is largely accountable for the cause why the play did not meet the success accorded previous plays. The players were too lethargic in their movements and speech and the play on the whole smacked too much of the amateurist, especially in the first part. But toward the end the players got together and acquitted themselves with credit.

Miss Wild as Elizabeth, heroine, was easily the star. She showed that she possessed historic talent and previous experience gave her that confidence in herself, the lack of which characterized the acting of Mr. Dietel in the title role, Dr. Wespe. Mr. Saegert in the role of Elizabeth's father was well received. His self-possession and stage presence puts him outside the class of amateurs. Miss Harrigan as the elderly maiden sister amused the audience with her desperate outbursts of love and admiration for the servant Adam; the impersonator of her hero-lover, the original Doctor Wespe. Her interpretation of Thendelinde was not flattering to maids of uper years, and she will doubtless reap their condemnation. Her weak point was overacting which afforded much pleasure to those innocent of the knowledge of German language and good acting. Mr. Muenzinger did well and his articulation and pronunciation of German was excellent. The rest of the players did tolerably well, but were at times weak and lacked vim and animation, due doubtless to lack of confidence in their ability.

The same play was presented at New Braunfels on the following day, and was a success financially as well as other wise. The proceeds of the play will be given to the band to help pay off its debt.

(Note.—This article was not written by a Sophomore.—Ed.)

Yale's former football star, Bobby Forbes, has been engaged to coach West Point for two years. Forbes played tackle two years ago and end last year for the Elis.



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The Election of Sam Kyle

THE RUSK.

The winter term is drawing to a close, but enthusiasm in the Rusk is far from abating. The members seem to realize that they are getting, free of charge, a training that will be invaluable to them in after life. They realize that this is one of their best opportunities for self improvement, and they are making the most of it. They are in earnest; they are working to a purpose—that purpose among the noblest—to learn the high art of touching and moving with words the hearts and minds of men.

The program for last Saturday evening was as follows:

Declamations—Oliver, Banks, Blaylock
Orations—Brooks, Cole.

Debate—Section I. Question, "Resolved, That the Final Ball as a University Affair Should be Abolished."

Affirmative—Ball, Dodd.

Negative—Cox, Davenport.

Sec. II. Question, "Resolved, That an Inheritance Tax Should be Provided and Set Apart for the Maintenance of the University."

Affirmative—Davis, Fahey.

Negative—Duncan, Jones.

Extempore speakers—Fielder, Garrett, Stephenson, Yates.

Mr. G. C. Cole was adjudged best speaker of the evening.

Mr. T. W. Thompson was elected treasurer to succeed Mr. Searcy, whose other duties compelled his resignation.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRESHMEN VISITS THE JUNIOR LAWS.

Curiosity has the virtue of fostering information. It dwells with uncertainty and thrives among the Freshmen. It is the luminary which allures that tribe to its land of milk and honey, receiving its most loyal devotion. Surely the Moslem never went with greater eager-

ness to the Kaaba, nor the Indian to the turgid waters of the Ganges, than Freshman Henderson come in fetish simplicity to the realm of the Junior Laws.

It was with the spirit of temerity perhaps, but the insatiable desire to know prompted the disconcerted Freshman to lay aside his usual unwillingness to be shown. He hardly knew that he was among so many friends, and accompanied by his armor bearer, the indubitable bal-yeat, who came head-first like Satan when he heralded fresh from Paradise the anathemas of defeated legions, the mighty and presumptuous Henderson did mount the beam of the famous assembly who stood around him with all the grace of perfected simplicity, and thundering from the mazy height to which he had attained, he spoke with such majestic power that with Hannibal from the Alps and Napoleon among the Pyramids he awakened the sleeping centuries.

But the reciprocal of giving is receiving. It was more than the plaudits of the multitude that greeted him, and to the pleasure of which his memory reverts to this good hour. He came in direct contact with our Pater Familias the revered Blackstone and by such an absorptive medium as conveys an impression as perennial as Spring leaves, and as lasting as the iron hills.

Those mighty strokes meant volumes, and as they followed faster, they made such concordant harmony of regular vertebral concussion as fill yet the spacious hostelry "with sounds that echo still."

Such the occasion, and such the princely and comely president of the Freshmen class brought to the confiding lawyers. It is our sincere desire that he profit much by his manly deportment and presentations, and that when he attempts again to solve the intricate mysteries of the lower kingdom, he walks not like the Miletion Philosopher who strode with his feet upon the Earth and his head among the stars.

SIMKINS LAW SOCIETY.

Like the author of genesis we shall begin from the beginning. Unlike him, however we shall celebrate the Rise of Man rather than the Fall of Man. This leads us naturally to write of William Stewart Simkins Law Society, its inception, purpose and rapid development.

From the time from which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary Junior Laws in the University of Texas have felt some urgent need of a social and intellectual instrument that would steadily foster in them a sentiment towards legal procedure and abstract thinking. Here was a crying need, regrettable indeed, that so many generations of Junior Laws have gone their dark way with this need unanswered. It devolves on the present Junior Law class to develop ten or twelve earnest men who put this society on its feet.

All this happened several months back. Steadily the society has advanced to a position of solidarity, steadily has it weeded from its midst the unfaithful ones, the barnacles that clog the advancement of the ship of progress.

Certainly the preamble of its constitution best shows its wholesome purpose.

"The object of this society shall be further to develop the intellectual powers and abilities of its members along the work pursued by the Junior Law class of the University of Texas."

With such a purpose any organization must live, cannot be made readily to die. Only a few weeks past and the society passed through its crucial test. Wrought by internal conflict and Civil War, where brother was arrayed against brother.

"The brave ship weathered the storm, And came into port,"
Such tests, heroically stood, only endear The society more to the band of faithful.

By its nature the Simkins Law Society performs a singular act of intellectual gradation. It is a compromise between the stilted Literary Societies of the Academic department, and the rough and tumble Mort courts of the advanced law classes.

Its program alternates between a "Senate Night," and a "Case Night." Where in the former the procedure of the Senate is followed, each member representing his particular county and speaking to any resolution any number of times ad libetum; and in the latter where Texas cases are tried before the proper tribunals.

The Simkins Law Society has been honored from time to time by addresses from men prominent in public life. Another phase of honor has accrued from that species of mankind, commonly known as "knockers." When a new star appears in the astropomer's sky the scientific world always takes notice.

Remarkabler too, is the unselfish and altruistic basis of this new society. It is perpetuative like a tree or a plant. It lives on by an inflow of sap each year. Incoming Junior Laws, from year to year must form its membership. Naturally the moment a man becomes a middle law he is no lawyer elligible to membership in the Simkins Law Society.

ATHENAEUM.

Last Saturday night the program of the Athenaeum Literary Society was regularly carried out. A large membership was in attendance and throughout the meeting much interest was manifested. The debate was especially interesting, infact it proved to be one of the best prepared by the debators in many meetings. Mr. Walker's short talk on "Trials and tribulations of baseball" was also very interesting.

Tomorrow night there will be no regular program, as the first preliminaries will be held for the Wilmont declamation contest. There are several very strong declamors among the first year men, and the Athenaeum expects to capture the prize this year.

The following men have already expressed their intention of contesting: R. B. Cousins, Jr., L. H. Nix, H. M. Harris, R. L. Sweeney, E. A. Harris, A. C. Dye, C. A. Storey, T. E. Ferguson, B. W. Miles, A. C. Petsch, C. Land.

AS YOU HEAR IT IN CLASS.

"Were you speaking to me?"
"I didn't hear your question."
"I don't understand; what do you mean?"
"I can't see that board from here."
"I didn't study that far."
"Why! (in injured tone) we didn't have that for today."
"That's as far as I got."
"I was absent yesterday."
"I know it, but I can't express it in words."
"Beg pardon where's the place?"
"Why, I studied the next chapter."
"Well, it depends."
"It varies."
"Well—ah."
"You mean a ———"
"Oh, yes—er—why."—Exchange.

Dr. Mather (assigning seats in Physics room)—"Is there any one here who has trouble with his eyes?"
Freshman—"I can't hear well, professor."

VARSITY ATHLETICS.

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him, he will go to outfield and be replaced by Dudley Forleton, '09, or Freshman Nixon. Short will most likely be filled by one of the infant's class. Even though witherspoon is a Freshman, he has the baseball stuff in him, and will easily make good for the Varsity. In the outfield Varsity may rely upon ex-Captain "Sleepy" Robertson, '07, Con Tarleton, '09, Roy Adamson, '09, Dyer, '09, Freshman bridge, and several other good men.

These, with the addition of a few others, will constitute the baseball squad for this year, and with them Coaches Schenker and Metzenthin, can will make an undefeated team for the University of Texas.

BASKET BALL TEAM ON TRIP.

The Varsity Basket Ball team this year has not been quite as successful as the one of 1906. So far we have played three games losing to Baylor at Waco and Fort Worth Y. M. C. A. at Fort Worth, and the Y. M. C. A. at Cleburne. Last year's team won eight out of nine games losing only to the San Antonio High School three weeks after the season had closed.

The following men went on the trip: Manager Scott Brown, Captatin Fred Ramsdell, Forwards Vining and Shafer, and Guards Berry, Thrasher and Thomas. Mr. Black of Baylor accompanied the men as an official. Before returning to Austin two more games will be played in Waco, one in Palestine, and maybe one in Decatur, and in all of these let us hope that Texas is successful.



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March 2nd, is again upon us. Seventy-one years ago our forefathers declared Texas to be an independent State. These men, although only a mere handful, on that memorable day published to the world that Texas was free; and to a very large extent this act made our own Texas possible. This work on March 2, 1836 was the seed by which every part of this broad State has become dotted with beautiful country homes; it was the seed from which sprang our system of public schools, and last, but not least, it was the act that made possible this great University.

We love Texas; we love our own University; and we must naturally love those men who declared Texas to be free and independent. On Saturday the people of Texas will celebrate March 2nd. In many homes and in many country schools houses appropriate exercises will be given in remembrance of this day. All eyes in this State are turned upon us to see what we will do in remembrance of our "Independence Day." The students in the University of Texas have never been lacking in patriotism today. Last year we had a grand celebration on March 2nd; and on Saturday we must eclipse even the enthusiastic celebration of last year. We can do it. We want to do it.

Let every student, Freshman, "Grad," Upper-Classman, put aside his books for this one day and help us to aruly celebrate our Independence Day. We owe it to our parents, to the Governor of Texas, and we certainly owe it to the memory of our distinguished forefathers.

We especially urge that all first-year students be present and help us make this celebration a credit to ourselves, a credit to our University, and a fitting expression of our patriotism. Let every loyal Freshman march with his class in the parade. Last year's freshmen were in the parade, and they displayed great class spirit and enthusiasm. We urgently insist that all '10 men strive to come up to the record of last year's class.

Each class will elect its own marshals. Let all students meet at the Cavitot promptly at 9:30 o'clock so as to join in the parade.

The committees have worked very in making arrangements. An interesting program has been prepared, which will be rendered in the Auditorium after the parade. The program is short and spicy. We fell sure that it will be a treat to any one that hears it.

The following program will be rendered: "Selection," Choral Club; "Invocation," Dr. Wright; "Reading Declaration of Independence," H. L. Davis; "Selection," Orchestra; "Student Address," J. J. D. Cobb; "Alumni Address," Hume; "Selection," Ladies Violin Quartette; "Faculty Address," Judge C. H. Miller; "Address," ; "Selection," Glee Club; "Benediction," Rev. Werlein.

The following appointments have been made:

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BASEBALL SQUAD.

The following men will constitute the baseball squad after the completion of the class games:

Catchers—Francis, Brownlee, McCormick, Browne.

Pitchers—Graham, Wilson, Groesbeck, Harris, Stinson, Stevenson, Sears, Johnson, Kleberg, Weeks, Ellison, Gustafson, Hogg, Greene, Lacy.

First Base—MacMahon, Robertson, H. P.; Ramsdell, M.; LaPrelle.

Second Base—Wathen, Crain, Dowell.

Third Base—Jacoby, Nixon, Tarlton, B. D.

Short Stop—Witherspoon, Walker.

Fielders—Adamson, Bridge, Dyes, Tarlton, C.; Taylor, Robertson, A. D.; Slaughter, Jones, M. B.; Fulcher, Graves.

NOTICE.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of N. C. Turner, a former University student, will please communicate with The Texan.

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There seems to be at present a movement toward decidedly better buildings and equipments for our colleges. In our own State, the continued material progress in better things done or doing. On our campus have arisen the Woman's Building and the Engineering Building; the Law Building is now rising. Nearby are new club houses and fraternity houses. Several of the leading churches of the city are preparing to build elegant houses of worship adjoining the campus. Now, then, when this general movement is at its height, when our prosperous Texas people are turning their attention and their money toward our school, now is the opportune time for the Y. M. C. A. Building to be erected.

A consideration of the purposes of the proposed building must determine its character. It must provide ample accommodations for the Association, increased as it certainly will be within a few years; it must serve the students, individuals and societies, for home-like headquarters; it must invite and lure young men from debasing amusements to things innocent and helpful.

First, therefore, there must be an assembly hall capacious enough to seat the will hope and expect to gather. This might be one room, or two or three thrown into one. In it will be conducted the general devotional meetings; and in it lectures and mass-meetings will be held. Several smaller rooms will serve for the classes in bible study and mission study; and these will be equipped with appropriate maps and charts.

To accomplish the second purpose, the various societies, clubs and athletic organizations of the school must be able to find rooms for their use on occasion; committees, by the Association of other student organizations, must be provided for. To be sure, the same room might serve in turn several of these uses. Then there will be a well equipped and well kept reading room, where will be found the best current magazines, works of fiction, biographies, and books that hold before men the noble, the pure, the good, and the beautiful. Then a room for lounging and games. Here must be the current newspapers and various games. It will be the place for rest and conversation, thoroughly comfortable and free. Bath rooms of the very best, and conjoined therewith a room for gymnastic exercise, will be indispensable. A first-class barber shop within the building will bring much of comfort and convenience. Add to these

features a cosy reception room, and private compartments for the secretary, and the Y. M. C. A. Building is about complete.

That the first and the second purposes may be served well and that the third may be accomplished at all, these rooms must be cozy and bright, attractive to the sight and comfortable to the bones, and there must pervade there an atmosphere of fellowship and goodwill. Man must be sincerely respected. Manliness must be loved and exalted; and under the chivalric protection of manliness let purity abide. And throughout all let there be forever a right spirit of reverence for things sacred. Let the beauty of holiness—not of piousness—be seen.

Will such a Y. M. C. A. accomplish the desired ends? An ordinary knowledge of human nature and of its environment here convinces us that such a one will go far toward success. And the experience of similar enterprises elsewhere strengthens the conviction. A reference to printed testimony from reliable observers, as may be found at our secretary's desk, will encourage the doubtful.

Notice some results that reason and experience promise. By the proposed building, the Association will be made prominent and will be dignified before the school; respected attention must be given to whatever men thus exalt. The Christian men of the University will thereby be drawn together and led to co-operative effort; they will be liberalized and unified; and the perpetuity of organized Christian work in the school will be secured. Moreover, the scope of the Association's influence will be extended. Athletics, especially, should at once feel wholesome effects; and other student organizations must soon become beneficiaries. The appreciation of opportunity and the sense of benefit will make friends for the Association among the strongest men of the school, including athletic and social leaders. Thus the opportunity and the strength of the Association will be multiplied. With opportunity and incentive and knowledge increased, the members will be more useful and will become more skillful in leading others to the life that Christ would have them live.

Is not the Y. M. C. A. Building, then, a worthy object for your effort? Do you want a part in the work? Now is the time to devote heart, head, and hand to a noble cause. The students alone of the school here have subscribed already \$10,100. Zeal and the spirit of sacrifice are not wanting. The campaign

must be pushed now beyond the school. How? We may learn from other colleges. At the State University of Iowa the Association began a movement for a building to cost \$6,000. After one summer's work, little had been accomplished. But the causes of failure had been discovered: (1) the Association was not planning for a good enough building, and (2) the college community itself had not done its best. They then got to work in better earnest, planning for at least \$25,000. The students and faculty subscribed \$10,000, exactly as our school has subscribed. Then the business men in the town of 7,000 people were appealed to, and another \$10,000 was given. The Alumni were interested with some success. Finally a Christian woman, Mrs. Helen S. Close, gave another \$10,000. They had now \$32,000, and they erected a building that is blessing the school. At Atterbein University, Ohio, and at the University of Tennessee, the history of the building was similar. At many of the large schools, as Princeton, Yale, Cornell, and Johns Hopkins, single individual friends made gifts from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Let it be remarked that in all these and other successful moves, prayer and effort by the students were behind it all.

Will you help? Whatever someone will you help? Whether or not you can give money, the Association wants you to be zealous for this building, to talk it here and at your home, to write to your people and to your home paper in its behalf. Do you know some better, or even some good, plan? The Secretary wants you to stop at his desk and tell him of it and talk with him about the building.

GLEE CLUB.

Accepts Invitation to Your Texas Federation of Singing Societies.

The University Glee Club has accepted our invitation to become a member of the Texas Federation of Singing Societies, which will hold its next biennial festival in Fort Worth some time in May.

This organization includes some of the best singing societies in the State, and has for its charter members the Houston Quartette Society, the Galveston Quartette Society, the Ladies' Musical Club of Galveston, the Woman's Choral Club of Houston, the St. Cecilia Club of Dallas, the Trio Club of Fort Worth, the Glee Club of Beaumont, and the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club has already accepted an invitation to attend, and the Texas University Glee Club expects to be there in full force. Our University singers are going to make a hit.

Watch fobs for class '09-'10 for sale at Co-op. Price 25 cents.

FINAL RECEPTION.

The following will compose the chairmen of the Final Reception: committees Supervisory, H. M. Richie; finance, Alwyn P. King; program, T. L. Tipton; arrangement, August Wynne; invitation, Hugh Lathrop; refreshments, Chas. J. Nebbi; alumni, Robert L. Haynie; reception, Roy L. Rather; decoration, McGrew Wilson; floor, Burford K. Isaacs. Space forbids the naming of the other members of these committees.

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SOCIETY.

Wednesday evening the Alpha Delta Phi entertained very pleasantly at cards for Miss Hamilton of Fayetteville, Ark. The guests were Misses Hamilton, Viridian Banham, Stella Lewis and Lonnie Davis; Messrs. Brandon, McMahon, Wilkinson, Wilson, Kercheville, Ann Merman, Steward and McChellan.

Saturday afternoon the Pi Beta Phi was informally at home for the members of Panhellenic to meet the visiting Pi Phis.

Miss Eileen Hamilton who has been visiting the Chi Omega and Mrs. Caruthers for the past two weeks, has gone to San Antonio to spend a few days with Elise Brown.

Miss Louis Davis is visiting her sister, Jewell, at the Alpha Delta Phi Chapter house.

Misses Hattie Mather and May Hopkins visited the Zeta Tau girls last week.

Saturday evening the Pi Beta Phi held their convention banquet at the Driskill. There were sixty place cards, and Miss Ada Garrison was the toast mistress.

Misses Mary Deval, Kitty Searcy and Mrs. Abbott of San Angelo were the guests of the Kappa Kappa Gammas last week.

Miss Pauline Davis and Miss Marie Streeter have gone home for a few days.

Miss Florence Randolph entertained the Pi Phis at a luncheon and card party Friday afternoon.

Miss Isabella Russell of Bonham is the guest at the K. A. T. house.

Miss Laura Saul, '06, visited the Chi Omegas Friday and Saturday.

The many friends of Miss Betty Smith will be glad to know that she is much better and will probably return to the University for the spring term.

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Jack Hubbard attended the English conference last week.

SKINNER ORATORICAL CONTEST.

University Orators to Contest Tonight for Skinner Prize.

The first oratorical contest for the Skinner Prize of \$100 will be held in the Auditorium tonight, Friday, March 1. The prize is offered by Hon. S. P. Skinner of Waxahachie to be divided between the two best speakers, seventy-five dollars to the man capturing first place, and twenty-five dollars to the speaker taking second.

This contest is also held for the purpose of choosing the representative of the Texas State University at the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest to be held at _____ and the orator to represent the Texas University at the Inter-University's Contest of the Southern States at _____. The speakers taking first place will receive the honor of representing this Institution in both of these contests, with the second as alternate.

Two preliminaries have been held; first the Society Preliminary, at which the six best orators of each society were chosen. These twelve men now submitted written copies of their speeches to the faculty committee of judges who graded them on composition and thought. The second preliminary was then held in the Auditorium at which a different committee of judges graded the speakers on delivery. These two grades, that on composition and that on delivery, were averaged, counting each as fifty per cent, and those men holding the five highest positions were chosen as the Oratorical Team.

The five fortunate orators were: H. L. Yates, Hugh Potter, Clarence Kendall, Paul L. Haynes, and Felix M. Bransford.

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These five contestants held a meeting last Monday afternoon at which three able judges were chosen and places upon the program drawn for.

The program as announced is as follows:

1. "The crime of child labor," H. L. Yates, Madisonville.
2. "Honesty in politics," Hugh Potter, Gainesville.
3. "The rise of the optimist," Clarence Kendall, Richmond.
4. "A plea for peace," Paul L. Haynes, Austin.
5. "The evolution of popular sovereignty," Felix M. Bransford, Fort Worth.

Last year the University lost several of her most worthy speakers, among them being Joe Worsham, Sam Lattimore and others, but the "Texan" feels assured that both Literary Societies are this session stronger than ever before, for the younger members are developing into formidable debaters and orators.

The five contestants chosen for this contest are all excellent writers and eloquent speakers and a warm and close rivalry between them is expected. All are men of ability, and it is hard to conjecture who will win an honor so well deserved by each and every one of them.

RADIATOR.

23—O—FRESHMEN.

(We might remind you that the Freshmen TEXAN came out on February "23" and was gotten up by "23" soft-heads with "23" grains of sense; then the Freshmen mark their defeat in baseball from Saturday, "23"!)

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Earnest, dear shappies, it's all in your mind;

So ignorant your bliss, that we dare to remind

How "lambish" you act with your jokings so tame—

May all live to do what you boastingly claim;

Ever submissive, you back from the strife—

Now brace up and don't be a "Fresh" all your life!

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Dr. Sutton and Hon. Clarence Ousley took dinner at B. Hall Saturday.

Adrian Pool was in San Antonio for a few days last week.

Roy Rather has returned from a trip to Fort Worth.

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W. C. Vernon has returned from a short visit to his home at Roane, Texas.

Two burly, black Freshmen were seen around the corridors this week.

C. C. Pruitt entertained a number of friends last Friday night.

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M. L. Arnold, B. A. '06, of San Antonio, was over for a few days.

horace witherspoon, better known as "stopper, the lady's man," has registered for two corridor courses.

J. A. Hill, B. A. '02, superintendent of schools at Richmond, was a visitor last week.

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Miss Laura Randolph, an ex-university student, visited with friends in Austin last week.

James Venon Patterson, the popular B. Hall president, has been in Fort Worth on business.

J. E. Quaid, our most faithful post-master, was in Marlin last week. He reports having a good time.

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Mr. R. R. Smith is now in Denver, Colorado. "Railroad" writes that he is getting homesock, and will sure be back next year.

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John B. Marshall, private secretary to the dean of the academic department, took a short trip to San Antonio last week.

There will be only a short time to finish the photographs for the Cactus this year. Come down at once for your sitting.

The Jesse Franch Piano Co. were kind enough to furnish a beautiful Star Grand piano for the Ladies' Choral Club concert last night.

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S. M. Sewell, M. A. '06, professor of mathematics at Politecnico college in Fort Worth has been visiting friends at the University.

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Clifton Perkins and "General" Pool have been showing the fellows at B. Hall how to play society during the past week.

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Mr. H. Neil Smith gave an informal party last Saturday evening. Mr. T. Watham and Horace Witherspoon were the guests of honor.

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J. F. Johnson of Terrell, Texas, and former student of the University, and J. A. Platt of Groveton, Texas, were visitors at the Delta Tau Delta house Friday and Saturday.

The style and finish of the photographs offered the students this year at The Elliotts are handsomer than ever before.

Mr. Lloyd Kiplinger, '10, of Lena, Ill., was forced to leave school last week on account of sickness. He intends to travel through the south with the hope of recovering his health.

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Rates are on in great shape at The Elliotts.

Roger Nalle, the shining light of the engineering department, spent several days of last week with the home folks, helping with the spring ploughing. Roger reports the pumpkin crop to be very good and he also adds that there will be an abundance of cabbage this year.

NOTICE.

There seems to be a very prevalent misconception in regard to the rise in price of the Cactus. I wish to call attention to the fact that the additional 75 cents charged this year does not represent any additional revenue to the Cactus. The additional 75 cents is levied in order to do away with the necessity of collecting dues from the members of the classes, from literary societies, the band, the Oratorical Association, the Glee Club and all other strictly Uni-

versity organizations. The plan will mean an actual loss to the Cactus," unless the number of sales to students is larger this year than last. Respectfully,
F. W. HOUSEHOLDER,
Business Manager.

Miss Luella Fonda visited her sister at the Woman's building Friday.

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